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90 MILLIONS
CAST BALLOTS
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Holiday Spirit Pervades
Country; Voters Rise
Early to Wait Turn

By SENDER GARLIN

(By Cable)

MOSCOW — Early reports from many parts of the land of the Soviets announced a 100 per cent turn-out for numerous election districts with more than half of the voters of many precincts going to the polls before 8 a.m. More than 90,000,000 persons voted at this biggest election in history, according to estimates here.

One of the highlights of this election to the Supreme Soviet highest governing body of the USSR was the fleet of cars placed at the disposal of aged and invalided voters to drive them to and from the polls.

Volunteer committees had gone the rounds on the day before finding out when these special cases planned to go to the polls, and they arranged to have the autos call for them accordingly.

2,000,000 Volunteers

In sharp contrast to the army of flankers attached to various political outfits in capitalist countries, the entire job of carrying through the Soviet election was done by 2,000,000 volunteers.

So proud were the voters of the "Stalin" district that the guiding genius of the Soviet Union and the world revolutionary movement had picked their district to run in-deciding nominations from more than 3,000 other areas—that by 9 o'clock on election day more than 60 per cent of all entitled to vote in the district had cast their ballots.

In the eighth election ward of the Sverdlovsk election district of Moscow, where I live, there were between 300 and 400 people waiting to vote at 5:45 a.m., though the sun had not yet risen.

None of the age-old hoary election paraphernalia and tricks of the bourgeois political parties in other countries were to be seen here, designed "to bring out the vote."

No Confusion

There was no frenzied electioneering. The entire populace knew the forms of the election procedure and the qualifications of their candidates as a result of a painstaking and intelligent campaign carried on during the past two months by all Soviet organizations.

Children refused to stay at home and insisted on accompanying their parents to the polls. In numerous districts which I visited, it was delightful to see the brightly-decorated special children's rooms with toys and books, with teachers in attendance, which were open near the polls.

A holiday spirit prevailed during the elections, but there were no displays of hooliganism.

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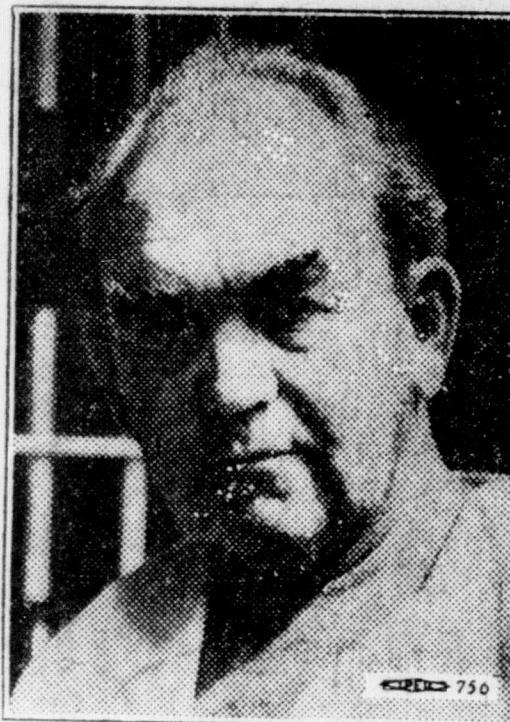
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The radio also reported that Lieutenant Chapayev, son of the celebrated partisan leader of the civil war, whose story was dramatized in the famous film hit "Chapayev," also voted, though he could not be home. According to law, he was able to obtain advance certification.

Ballots Sacred

Virtually nothing was allowed to interfere with the sacred right of all Soviet citizens to vote. People voted in home districts, in sanatoriums and vacationing places, on battle ships of the Red fleet and on trains which sped over the rolling steppes of Russia.

Fight Goes On



TOM MOONEY

Ask FR Aid For Mooney

10,000 Hear Progressives De-
fend Famous Prisoner

WASHINGTON—While Sena-

tors continue here openly declared

themselves convinced that Tom

Mooney should be pardoned, an

audience of 10,000 in New York

urged that President Roosevelt

intervene directly in the case.

Mooney's case was described

as a disgrace second only to the

Dreyfus case by Senator Neely

(D., W. Va.).

Chairman O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), said that a majority of

members of the committee feel

that Mooney should be freed, but

he nevertheless gave possible le-

gal technicalities as a reason for

refusing to call Mooney from

California to testify in his own

behalf.

Frank P. Walsh, Mooney's at-

torney, urged the committee to

disregard possible legal quib-

bles. Only the development of

an avalanche of public protest,

he pointed out, had given Moone-

y a reasonable hope of se-

curing freedom in the face of the

prejudice of the California

courts.

Additional demonstration of

protest in behalf of Mooney was

made by the Madison Square

Garden meeting where Mayor F.

H. LaGuardia and three mem-

bers of the House of Repre-

sentatives spoke.

"Where there is one Mooney,

there might be 10,000 of them,"

declared Representative Maury

Maverick (D., Texas). "And

when you fight for Mooney you

are fighting for yourself."

Contra Costa CIO To Form Council

RICHMOND, Contra Costa

County—Committee for Indus-

trial Organization unions in this

county have announced their

intention of forming an industrial

union council.

The announcement followed

withdrawal of eight CIO locals

from the Contra Costa Central

Trades and Labor Council which

nominally is still affiliated to the

American Federation of Labor.

CIO took action last week

stating that an independent coun-

cil would facilitate its organiza-

tion drive, as the Contra Costa

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Bridges and Shelley Accept

Proposal to Meet Employers

SAN FRANCISCO—Voicing the senti-

ments of labor every-

where, Harry Bridges, West Coast regional Director of the

CIO, accepted the invitation of business and manufacturing

interests organized in the "Committee of 43" to meet with

them and AFL representatives to discuss the prospects of

ending strikes and labor dis-

putes.

Said Bridges' letter of accept-

ance: "Due to the composition

of your committee and its atti-

tude on labor matters in the

past, especially its strange si-

lence during the teamsters' em-

bargo, we are not as yet im-

pressed with the sincerity which

you profess.

"We are just as desirous as

you are of preventing unneces-

sary strikes that do harm to both

unions and business interests."

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Farmers, Workers Agree to Unite for 1938 Elections

PACT BRINGS FARMER-LABOR ACCORD NEAR

Agreement Pledges Groups to Act in Common Defense of Liberties

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Officials of Labor's Non-Partisan League and the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America signed a memorandum here Sunday pledging both groups to work together on a legislative program in the 1938 elections.

E. L. Oliver, executive vice president of Labor's Non-Partisan League signed for his group while all officials and members of the National Board signed for the Farmers Union. Oliver hailed the agreement as one of the most important steps taken by progressive groups in a long time.

Pledge Common Action

The statement pledged the two groups to stand together in the defense of present liberties against the attacks of a common exploiting group. It made the following recommendations:

"1. That organized farmers promote a better understanding of the position, efforts and objectives of organized labor through the medium of our various educational and publicity facilities.

"2. That organized labor use every available means of promoting among its members a similar understanding of the position, efforts and objectives of organized agriculture.

"3. That in order to prevent any further antagonisms which might tend to nullify our expressed desire to work in harmony, we mutually agree to confer together before taking action which might affect either or both groups."

Hits Monopoly Prices

"4. That periodic conferences be held clearly to analyze the fields of contemporary joint action.

"5. That we mutually agree to promote the legislative programs sponsored and approved by each."

"6. That investigations be conducted for the purpose of discovering the extent of the spread between the prices received by the farmer for his products and the price paid by the consumer for the same; that the results of the investigation be made known as a basis of a better understanding between organized labor and organized agriculture; and that action be recommended to eliminate the spread as far as possible."

Sets Parley Date

The statement also provided for a joint conference between committees of organized labor and organized agriculture on or about January 15, 1938, which will draw up a legislative program.

Other provisions called for the establishment of committees to explore possibilities and methods of developing consumer cooperatives, to effect joint action at state and national capitals for the enactment of the measures included in the joint legislative program, and provided for meetings to be held shortly for the purpose of planning the activities of these committees.

PG&E POLL READIED

SAN FRANCISCO—Alice M. Rossiter, local director of the National Labor Relations Board, announced late this week that results of the election of the Pacific Gas and Electric workers to determine whether they are to be represented by the CIO or the company union will be made known next Tuesday.

Voting ended last Tuesday for the 7600 construction workers and the ballot boxes are to be opened in the presence of observers from the CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers and the California Gas and Electrical Employees Union.

MacLaglen Trial May Show Burglary, Nazi Espionage

LOS ANGELES—Trial of Leopold MacLaglen was set for January 19, last week, as the racketeering investigator of "subversive" activities plead "not guilty" to charges of attempted extortion of \$20,000 from millionaire red-alarmist Philip Chancellor.

According to earlier testimony brought to light in a preliminary trial last November 18, Chancellor had hired MacLaglen, after a 4-year association, to investigate "subversive and un-American factions."

Evidence submitted by Stanley Glinn, Chancellor's secretary, alleged that MacLaglen had attempted to bribe him with an offer of \$5,000 to sign an affidavit declaring that he had heard Chancellor promise his "undercover" man \$20,000 at the expiration of their oral contract.

Though Chancellor has denied the promise, Glinn admitted under cross-examination by MacLaglen's attorney, ex-Judge Harry F. Sewell, that he had signed the affidavit while knowing that its contents were false.

Mean Pettiness Charged To S. F. Relief Czar Small

Little Dictator Proud of Economizing at Expense of Jobless and Hungry

By T. J. STEWARD

SAN FRANCISCO—Relief in this city is hard to obtain, if there is a possible reason, however ridiculous, for refusing it in the yards of red tape that pass through the maniacal hands of the SRA administrator, John H. Small, and his chief stooge, Mrs. Long.

Taken at random during an hour's time last Monday morning are the following cases which were rejected as "not eligible" by SRA officialdom:

Marie Stevenson, 191 Haight street, just out of the hospital after a siege of illness. Has searched everywhere for a job. She was refused relief because her mother receives a tiny pension, which is not sufficient to provide for two people. Mrs. Long recommended that he "find a friend" to help her.

Mrs. Rose, 701 Sunnydale street, refused milk for their tiny baby. Plenty of red tape but no milk. Technicality.

Estelle Kestloff, 1075 Carolin street, an emergency case. She has been jobless since being locked out of the motor assembly plant where she worked. Refused on a technicality.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarl, 562 Guerrero Street, refused milk for their tiny baby. Plenty of red tape but no milk. Technicality.

George Willis, recently placed on probation after he was arrested for picketing. Refused relief because he could not show an itemized account of the money he had spent during the time he was working.

Harold Groves and his 3½ year old starving baby. He was driving through San Francisco in search of work. His dilapi-

dated car broke down and he had to sell it for junk. The money he received was spent for transporting his sick wife to a friend in Southern California, where she could be cared for. Refused relief because he is "a transient."

Charles F. Rader and his 10 year old consumptive son, Rader, a skilled carpenter, was thrown off WPA two months ago when SRA suddenly closed his case for fear he might become a "permanent charge." In spite of the fact that the boy's health has improved since he has been in San Francisco, relief officials have attempted to intimidate Rader into taking the child to a less favorable climate. Doctors S. W. Luckerman, Central Medical Bureau, Maurice Korshtet,

511 Sutter St., and Angelini Piselli of the San Francisco Hospital all declared in affidavits that the boy's health has improved here and that to move him would be dangerous. In the meantime, Rader has been out of work two months and neither he nor the child have been able to obtain nourishing food.

On the other side of the desk from Rader and the scores who are turned down for relief on the slightest pretext is the magnificently debonair John H. Small. He is serene and firm, in his well-tailored clothes and short-cropped, military mustache. He is haughty, smug, almost dignified as he walks straight as an arrow out of the room after he has refused milk to a hungry baby.

Stars Aid Dance for Spain Kids

Proceeds From Ball Will Buy Xmas Gifts for Children

LOS ANGELES—Last minute plans were being pushed today for making the Christmas Ball being given on Tuesday evening December 21, at the Riverside Drive Breakfast Club here "one of the most successful affairs ever given for the cause of Spain's democracy."

Sponsored by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, the dance is expected to draw more than 2,000 persons, according to Aurel J. Leitner, executive secretary of the NAC.

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2500 New Apartments

Completely encircling the city will be a great park over 12 miles in diameter. This park will consist of miles of woodland and grass, where urban residents may play and rest.

As for housing itself? The new plan calls for 2500 great new apartment houses equipped with all modern facilities.

By 1945 Moscow will be unrecognizable by those who knew the Moscow of yesterday.

And this is not all. Similar plans have been drawn up for Leningrad, Kiev, Kharkov, Baku, Tiflis and many other Soviet cities. In every one of these cities the old cities will be torn down to make way for modern, scientifically planned cities where workers can live in health and comfort.

(Note—This is the last of a series of four articles on housing.)

Housewives Fight Fascists

SAN FRANCISCO—A very successful attack, with skillful and gay ladies, was waged against the fascists by three San Francisco housewives recently, in their determination to do their loyalist duty.

These militant women just turned \$25 over to the Western Worker Financial Drive; the money had been raised at a dinner given to 45 people, all German anti-fascist sympathizers.

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RELIEF HEADS PORK BARREL IS CHALLENGED

Alliance Says Officials Use Red Tape to Deny Aid to Destitute

SAN FRANCISCO—Waste, red tape and official favoritism are rampant in relief agencies in San Francisco.

This charge was made in a formal statement of the Workers' Alliance of San Francisco, which said that while needy unemployed are subjected to hair-splitting red tape and veritable pauper's oath, local offices are staffed with needless executives whose salaries and office rent could better be used for actual relief purposes.

A considerable quota of the money appropriated for unemployment relief, says the Alliance statement, "goes to rent offices to house the officials, quasi-officials and semi-officials and their secretaries, and to pay the salaries of these useless appendages to the WPA and SRA set up whose sole function appears to be to harass the destitute workers."

Protest Launched

A strong protest is launched against the positive action of those termed as unnecessary within the relief setup.

"The check up as to how we spend the money we receive is obnoxious to us, and we ask it to be discontinued. The multiplicity of interviews is repugnant. We have been interviewed to death."

"Especially repugnant to us is the forced signing of statements that we have no bank accounts, no savings and no insurance. We demand that it cease at once, on the ground the President, as long ago as June, 1936, made public his promise that no one need longer sign such statements, which to all intents and purposes is a pauper's oath and has been used in some states as a basic for disfranchisement."

Pointing out that this callous practice of a veritable "pauper's oath" had been rejected by the state legislature in its refusal to pass House Bill 1177, the Alliance statement urges every worker to refuse to sign such statements in the future. It further demands that relief officials immediately stop trying to obtain such signatures.

SUP Officials Got 40 Laborers Fired

SAN FRANCISCO—Recently the Alaska Packers Assn. fired 40 men, who had worked for the association from 15 to 25 years. Why?—because the Sailors' Union of the Pacific officials went in and signed an agreement over the heads of these men, thereby railroading them out of their jobs.

When the 40 men took up the question with their union, the General Laborers' Union, they were refunded the dues they had paid in and virtually forced out of the union.

Therefore, they went to the Scalers Union, affiliated with the CIO Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, which is filing charges on their behalf with the National Labor Relations Board.

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DELBOS IS TOLD TO DROP SOVIET TREATY BY KING

Report Rumanian Tories to Have Threatened Tieup With Rome

BUCHAREST, Rumania—King Carol II and Premier George Tătărescu were reported to have told French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos on his recent visit here, that if France does not drop her mutual assistance pact with the Soviet Union, Rumania will openly scuttle her friendship with France for a place in the Rome-Berlin axis.

Tătărescu is engaged in a political feud with former Foreign Minister Nicholas Titulescu. The latter has been the foremost Rumanian champion of friendship with France and the Soviet Union upon the basis of collective security.

Both the King and the present Foreign Minister have worked closely with the Nazi-dominated Ton Guard, which has openly threatened to kill Titulescu.

Tătărescu is said to have told Delbos in but slightly veiled terms that the present Rumanian regime will not cooperate with France as long as it is bound to defend the USSR against a Nazi invasion.

DELBOS ASSASSINATION PLOT IS FRUSTRATED

PARIS—A plot to assassinate French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos, now touring capitals of France's Central European allies, was disclosed today in Vincennes when police announced the contents of a seized code letter.

The letter gave information to a terrorist band to facilitate the assassination attempt. The attempt on Delbos' life was to be made at Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia.

Haiti Deaths Rise to 8,000

U. S. Negro Congress Calls for Probe

PORTE-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—It was reported here that President Sténio Vincent had placed the number of Haitians massacred in the neighboring Dominican Republic during recent weeks at 8,000.

Vincent, who has faced an upsurge of popular resentment against a passive attitude to the mass slayings, declared they were not merely border incidents, but had occurred deep within Dominican territory.

The Hon. Monsieur Elie Lescot, Minister of the Republic of Haiti, received an urgent letter from Acting Secretary Max Yerger of the National Negro Congress, which said in part:

"In view of the large number of citizens of Negro origin living both in Haiti and in the Dominican Republics, Your Excellency will appreciate the chief reason why the National Negro Congress desires to have the fullest possible light thrown upon the reported deplorable occurrences."

Also in the letter was a notice of a mass meeting in New York sponsored by the Congress as a protest of the wholesale deportations of Haitian natives from San Domingo and urging the governments of Cuba, Mexico and the United States to act as mediators in the dispute between the two countries.

Famed Film To Be Shown At C.P. Meet

OAKLAND—"Life Is Ours," the famous film depicting the life of the French people since the Popular Front movement has obtained power, will be seen by the Alameda County membership of the Communist Party at the General Membership meeting this Sunday afternoon, December 19, at Danish Hall, 164 Eleventh Street, Oakland.

The film, produced by the Communist Party of France, was brought into this country with great difficulty, but is now playing on Broadway in New York. The Daily Worker hails it as the "greatest film to come from French cinema producers." It reveals in detail the rise of the people against the encroachments of the fascists, and several of its scenes are real pictures of attacks on workers by fascist hoodlum bands.

On the same program, Anita Whitney, State Chairman of the Communist Party, and William Schneiderman, State Secretary, will discuss the present situation in California and the tasks of the Party.

Admittance to the meeting is by card only, and these may be obtained from the Oakland office of the Party, 491 Tenth Street.

CHINESE SEND AID
AMSTERDAM—The Chinese population of Dutch East Indies have sent an ambulance accompanied by four doctors and a medical staff of 14 to China.

Scientific Research in USSR Hits New Highs

MOSCOW—Scientific research work in the USSR has made tremendous strides since the days of Tsarist Russia, figures released recently show.

In the USSR in 1937 there are now in operation 2,292 scientific research institutions including institutes, universities, observatories, scientific stations, museums, preserves, special research libraries, scientific societies, botanical gardens, and many others. Tsarist Russia in 1913 had but 188 scientific research institutions in all.

The budget of the USSR Academy of Sciences for 1937 amounts to 121,867,000 roubles. The institutions of the Academy employ as many as 5,594 people, of whom half are scientific workers, and 1,380 are scientific technical workers, not counting research institution.

Outlaw Powers Crowd U.S. in Latin America

U. S. and Britain Maintain Hold By Increased Oppression

By GEORGE BERNARD
The desperate but systematic search for foreign markets on the part of the three outlaw powers thus constitutes a serious threat to the present American and British control of South American raw materials, foodstuffs, shipping and ocean

Covering this point, Mr. G. Arbaiza, a South American journalist writing for Current History (June, '37), makes the following conjecture:

"The dual control of South American exportable wealth rests now upon the combined American and British sea power to protect their access to South American resources.

"If the new challengers of British supremacy in the Mediterranean—which holds the Gibraltar key to the Atlantic and would shut that door in a conflict-breakthrough, then the British control of South American transatlantic trade would be bnailed."

25 Years to Live

The second citation is from a New Masses article (Dec. 1, 1936) entitled "The Issues at Buenos Aires." The authority is Liborio Justo, son of Argentine's ex-president.

"The index of sickness and mortality is greater in Chile than anywhere else in the world, and the average span of life of its citizens is twenty-five years. United States imperialism in the form of the Guggenheim mining trust monopolizes the country's mineral output and due to the low wages it pays, obtains each pound of copper at a cost of production one-eighth as great as the corresponding cost in the United States."

Imperialism—Last Stage

In the face of the above, one may well ask: why this terrific exploitation and systematic degradation of a whole continent of so-called democratic people? What is the process that turns a handful of seemingly immaculate financiers, not only those of the great fascist powers, Germany, Italy and Japan, but those of the great democracies like Britain and the United States as well—into exploiters and murderers of elderly men?

The answer, of course, is that South America is a semi-colonial land and the phenomenon working on it is the last stage of capitalism—Imperialism—that "parasitic process," as J. A. Hobson, English pioneer on the subject, aptly describes it, "by which a moneyed interest within the states, usurping the reins of government, makes for imperial expansion in order to fasten economic suckers into foreign bodies so as to drain them of their wealth in order to support domestic luxury."

Lenin characterized imperialism in his famous book on the subject as "the eye of the proletarian revolution"—that is the phase of this "highest stage of capitalism" which bourgeois economists consistently overlook.

U. S. apologists would have it that a new version of the Monroe Doctrine is implicit in the American Neutrality Act, which contains a warning clause that the United States will not lend help to Latin-American nations taking sides in an extra-continental war or "cooperating with a non-American state or states in such a war."

Yankee Oppression
A few citations will serve to illustrate what the conditions in American economic colony are like. The first is taken from a New Republic editorial (Feb. 22, 1938) on "The Economics of the Chaco War."

"How did the American magnates in Bolivia manage to make a profit in the face of extraordinary shipping costs? Wages were barely enough to live on, so that the Indians remained permanently in debt to the mining company. Over 50 per cent of the population is living in peonage. Labor laws of Bolivia provide for the 8-hour day, but the 12-hour day is practiced."

The 7-day week is common, while in one mine a continuous shift of 36 hours was the regular routine. The Patino mines, a National Lead subsidiary (an

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GERMAN BISHOP BLASTS HITLER CHURCH DECREE

Berlin Catholic Leader Claims No Liberty Under Nazis

BERLIN—The Catholic Bishop of Berlin, Count Konrad von Preysing, denounced in a pastoral letter read from the pulpits of his diocese, Nazi assertions that the Hitler regime was not attacking Christianity.

"One anti-church measure follows another," the letter said. "In increasing measure a spirit hostile to Christianity rules the public and conflict of conscience increases."

"What is the situation in regard to freedom of religion in reality?" the Bishop asked in his letter. "I shall tell you a few things that illustrate clearly the lack of freedom of the church and its faithful."

"Twelve printing establishments in Germany that printed the encyclical 'With Burning Anxiety' were expropriated without compensation from their owners."

Labeled Communists

"In the dioceses of Münster, Paderborn, Trier and Limburg young men's organizations were dissolved. The dissolution was explained with reference to the ordinance of the late Reich president for protection of the German nation from Communist revolutionaries. A number of Catholic periodicals have been banned indefinitely."

"Every defense against the unrestrained propaganda exploiting the immorality trials is prevented. Pamphlets serving the truth in this matter are confiscated."

"On the other hand, writings are allowed to appear concerning which there can be no dispute but that the contents are dangerous to morals and untrue."

"By pictures, caricatures, headlines and propaganda pamphlets, by every means of influencing the public, an attempt is made to work on the minds of the German people which in the end must drive all reverence for the church and Christianity from the minds of the young."

The Catholic believer stands in Germany under discrimination. He must tolerate ridicule and contempt, lack of liberty and oppression of his faith."

RALLY FOR COLONY GRAB FAILS TO

BERLIN—The Nazi's much-publicized mass meeting to whip up sentiment for the return of former German colonies, drew a listless audience which left all the balcony and part of the main floor of the Sportpalace empty.

The main address, that of General Franz Ritter von Epp, chief of the Reich Colonial League, failed to arouse much excitement from the audience consisting chiefly of elderly men.

Young men such as form the nucleus of the frenzied following of such speakers as Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels, were nowhere to be seen.

In answer to the fact that Germany's colonies showed a deficit before the war, General von Epp declared that the colonies had been seized by the victorious Allies just as the investment in them was beginning to show a profit.

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They Ponder Plans for Curbing West Indies Dictator



GEORGE LEGER, Haitian Foreign Secretary (right), in conference with Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles (left) and Elie Lescot, Haitian minister, at Washington, over the massacre of thousands of his countrymen by the troops of Dominican Dictator Trujillo. The dictator, who is negotiating with Hitler to establish 40,000 Nazi "settlers" in Uncle Sam's front yard, is said to regard these frontier massacres as a pretext for taking further action against Haïti.

Mussolini's Plants Hum For New War

By HARRY GANNES

A valuable description of Mussolini's war preparations has been smuggled out of Italy and has been printed in the Italian Weekly, Giustizia e Libertà, published in Paris.

Seldom outside of the secret dossiers of the war offices can one read so important a document of military matters as the following:

"In Italy, all heavy industry is utilized by the state for war preparations. Factories producing arms, munitions, planes, etc., have been militarized under the name of 'auxiliary factories.'

"In each factory there is not only a technical management but also a military control in the hands of an army major, having 80 or more guards at his disposal who watch the factories day and night.

Worker-Soldiers

"All workers are treated as soldiers on active service and subjected to military discipline. Acts of sabotage, infractions of discipline, etc., are punished according to military code. A worker who stays away from work, without a justifiable reason, for more than four days is declared a deserter and is liable to be sentenced by the military court to be shot."

"This is the position, for example, as regards 6,000 workers at the steel works of Terni, where cannon, shells, machine-guns and munitions are made; in the Besco factories, where 1,000 men are employed in the construction of hangars; in the Nera-Montoro works, where 5,000 men are making poison gas.

Fiat is no longer a vast motor car factory; instead they produce more and more planes, cannon, munitions and tanks. An order for a motor car takes ten months for execution.

More Planes

"Aeronautical production is increased from day to day, especially the bombing plane S.79, the light bomber, 'Breda' 83, the attacking plane, 'Breda' 64, and other recent types. It is estimated that today Italy has about 3,800 planes which are for the most part of modern build and very swift. Pilots are being recruited at the same rate, and there are about 10,000 of them now."

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Action, Now, Is Required For Peace in the Far East

IT WAS A foregone conclusion that Japan would apologize for the Panay incident. Neither this apology nor those that went before it, will have the slightest bearing on further such incidents, and further "apologies."

The question which the United States and the world must face seriously today is the question of what must be done to stop Japan's murderous aggression of which such attacks are only an incident.

President Roosevelt has already insisted on strong protest in the Panay case. This is well, but if it is to stop with exacting only a profuse apology from Japan, it will mean nothing more than Japan meant when she signed the Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg Peace Pact.

Three definite actions of the American government are demanded in this situation, and every one of them consistent with President Roosevelt's Chicago speech:

1. A public invitation to Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union and other democracies for cooperative action with the United States to prevent Japan's provocations from being aggravated into a new world war. Included in this appeal should be a proposal for joint economic action against Japan, ending all credits to and stopping all imports from Japan.

2. On its own initiative the United States should immediately institute an embargo on imports from and exports to Japan.

3. The demands on Japan should set forth positively and unequivocally that attacks on American shipping and citizens in China be stopped and that in keeping with the Kellogg Peace Pact and Nine-Power Treaty, all Japanese troops, naval and air forces be removed from China.

The Panay incident resulted in the loss of a few American lives and destruction of public American property, but it is a strong reminder that Japanese aggression is rapidly threatening the peace of America as a whole.

Unless the United States takes the initiative in the only effective means of stopping Japan's murderous aggression, then these incidents will multiply.

They will be stopped not by Japanese apologies or promises, but by collective international action which will stop Japanese aggression in China. And to fight against this aggression is to fight against the spearhead of the war danger today.

The L. A. Times And Santa Claus

UNDER the guise of protecting the citizenry of Los Angeles, from "davebeckism" the open shoppers have begun a wide-spread offensive against organized labor.

The Los Angeles Times weeps crocodile tears over the poor people who will have no Santa Claus because of the bad, bad teamsters.

But is the Los Angeles Times worried about the thousands upon thousands of people in Los Angeles who will have no Christmas because they earn only enough to buy the barest necessities? About those thousands of workers who in the last weeks have been laid off by these same merchants and manufacturers in their national campaign to sabotage the New Deal?

Walk into any department store and you will see hundreds of women milling around the counters with hungry, longing eyes, who leave the stores empty handed. They will wake up on Christmas morning to a cold, empty yule tide and meet the children empty handed.

That will not be because of the fight of the Teamsters at the May Company for a little more in the pay envelope. It will be because these same open shoppers have for years fought the attempt of workers to organize and gain a living wage, a pay envelope that would make Santa Claus a reality.

LINE HIRED CIRCUS MEN AS SAILORS

Senate Committee Told of Strike-Breaking in Tampa, Fla.

WASHINGTON—The Moore-McCormack Lines, East Coast steamship operators, were accused here of having hired circus employees to replace 12 striking seamen on Nov. 10, 1936 in Tampa, Fla.

The accusation was made in an affidavit signed by Frank

There Is Work to Be Done for the League

WHAT NEXT? Labor's Non-Partisan League, by its founding convention a week ago, has established itself as a recognized political instrument of California labor. Now, the problem is to temper the instrument that has been created and to use it.

To perfect that instrument, it is necessary to activate the League in the localities, and to involve the 400,000 persons it represents, in that activity. Every union man who participated in the election of delegates to the League convention now has the further duty of bringing his local into line with League activities. The setting up of county organizations and assembly branches—those are the next steps.

Politicians mark the passage of time by primaries and final elections. But political activity of labor does not fall into such an easy groove. The League has set itself the goal of eliminating the injunction from California's industrial life. That goal can be served NOW.

Preparations for the initiative petition for a California anti-injunction act can be started immediately through the activity of the League in opposition to every one of the many injunctions being issued against unions throughout the State.

Injunctions can be licked, the League can be built if the hosts of labor set their minds to it.

Industry Offers An Olive Branch

THE COMMITTEE of 43's proffer of an olive branch to San Francisco's organized labor has been greeted with hosanna's by our rival press.

"Organized labor must . . . rejoice in it," said The News.

"There is no disputing the soundness of the theory underlying the invitation issued to labor by the Committee of 43," said The Chronicle.

The News is rather quick to rejoice. The Chronicle is a bit too cocksure about the "soundness of theory."

Nor is the Committee's offer and the theory underlying it as brand new as they would have the public believe.

In 1930, President Hoover called together the leaders of industry and leaders of the American Federation of Labor. And there were olive branches, and mutual pledges.

William Green pledged that labor wouldn't strike for the duration of the "depression." The industrialists pledged they wouldn't cut wages.

William Green kept his promise as best he could.

The industrialists broke their promise as best they could.

Before the "depression" receded, the olive branches were being used as kindling wood by homeless families in the Hoovervilles that dotted America's river banks.

That was a "noble experiment," but like many another it was wrecked on the rocks of capitalist greed. Now, labor is asked to try it again. If it has learned from the past, it will be wary lest it mistake a siren song for the coo of a dove.

It will undoubtedly enter into conferences with the industrialists, but not with the trusting step of a sheep entering the stockyard gates.

Tuberculosis and Governor Merriam

REACTIONARY politicians customarily reject as far-fetched the presentation of specific results of their policies and actions.

But Governor Merriam, who pocket-vetoed a measure enabling California to use some of the funds allotted for housing by the Federal Government, might consider the following:

J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles County Health Director, has reported that in 100 Belvedere Gardens slum homes he investigated, there were 116 active cases of tuberculosis.

Other persons testifying on housing conditions before the State Assembly Interim Committee on Social Welfare in Los Angeles, painted a picture that did not suggest a modern American city, but rather read like the chronicle of a traveller in 15th century London.

That's the condition, but to Governor Merriam it was not a matter of so many cases of tuberculosis, so many victims of infantile paralysis—it was just some dry statistics and financial accounts.

Perhaps the Governor will try to wash his hands of all this as Pontius Pilate tried to do some 1900 years ago. But history has judged Pilate, and the voters of California will judge Merriam and his machine next fall.

One of the gravest crimes of the Merriam administration is its criminal neglect of the housing problem.

Frey, formerly a wireless operator aboard the S. S. Commercial Alabama, operated by the company, before a Senate Committee hearing on the Maritime Labor Bill.

The bill introduced by Senator Copeland, committee chairman, would establish compulsory arbitration machinery as exists in the railroad industry.

Senator Copeland, in conducting the hearings, evidenced a greater interest in Harry Bridges than he did in working and

labor conditions in the merchant marine.

When Mort Borow, representative of the American Radio Telegraphists Assn., was on the stand, the Senator showered him with questions concerning the relationship between the Telegraphists Union and Harry Bridges, and the citizenship status of Bridges.

The bill has aroused the organized opposition of all bona fide representatives of maritime labor.

SMASHING WALL ST.'S SABOTAGE; LABOR UNITY CAN SAVE NATION

By JOHN MELDON

SINCE the start of the new business recession last September, a million new jobless have been added to the nation's unemployed lists, and another million have been shifted from full to part-time jobs.

These facts were revealed last week on the floor of Congress during a scathing speech by Maury Maverick, fighting Texas Congressman, in which he warned Congress and the country against cutting down federal expenditures at a time when more funds are needed.

The figures used by Congressman Maverick in his speech, incidentally, are from government sources, and therefore certainly not the maximum number of actual victims of the new recession.

Stachel's Answers

THIS writer took up the subject with Comrade Jack Stachel, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party, asking him—what must the CIO and AFL unions do to help stem these new attacks on the working class—how best the unions can function to protect their own members, and the exploited masses generally.

In reply to a series of questions, put by the writer, Stachel answered in detail, giving the equivalent of a program for the unions in their struggle against increasing lay-offs, new wage-cuts, rising prices and so on.

Real initiative at this time on the part of the unions in tackling the problem will not only strengthen the unions themselves, Stachel pointed out, but will act as a wedge into unorganized fields, subsequently adding power to the trade union movement generally.

"The unions," he said, "at the present time facing new difficulties which arise out of the problem of the increase in unemployment and lay-offs, can turn these difficulties into a means of strengthening the bonds, not only with their own members, but even with the unorganized.

In this connection, I would like to point out that there has been a theory prevalent in the United States, that unions grow in periods of prosperity and decline in periods of depression. In the Coolidge-Hoover period, one phase of this theory had the bottom knocked out of it. Thanks to the policy of the AFL leadership during that period the unions declined while we had relative prosperity in the country.

It is now possible for the labor movement to demonstrate also the falsity of the second theory, namely, that unions weaken during depressions. We can actually look forward to an increase in membership in the unions in the present business recession, provided the unions face this question of unemployment squarely.

Bankrupt Theory

"Provided," Stachel went on, "they adopt a definite, concrete and immediate program of action designed to meet the problem of lay-offs and to alleviate the conditions of the unemployed workers within the union."

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What Should Be Done

"What should be the union program?"

"In the first place the unions should recognize that the problem of unemployment is a problem for the union itself.

"During 1929-30 the AFL leadership took the opposite point of view; it did not fight for the unemployed, opposed unemployment insurance, refused to issue exempt stamps and lower dues to the unemployed with the result that it maintained and deepened the split between the unemployed and employed from which both suffered and helped to throw hundreds of thousands of workers from the unions.

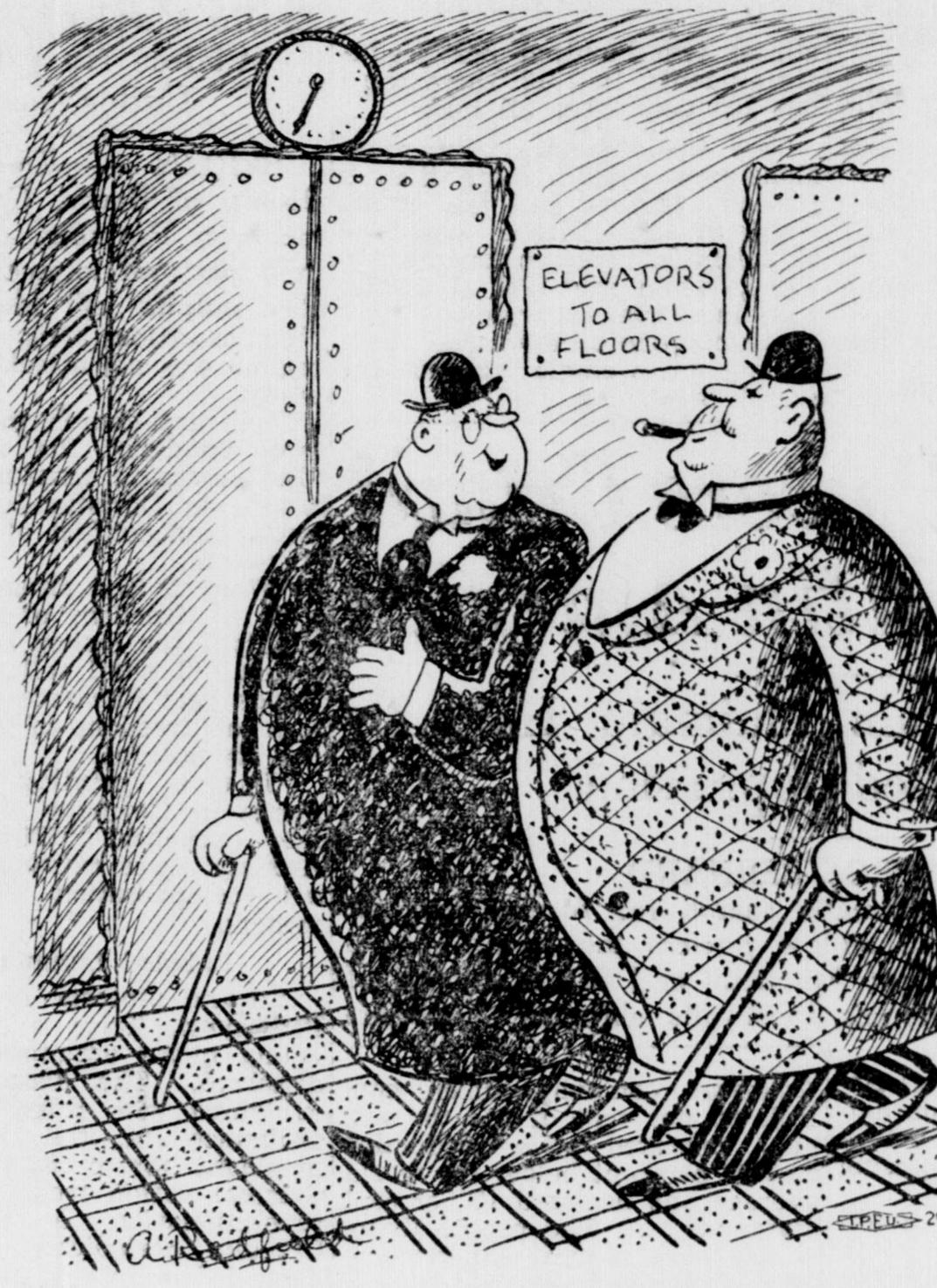
"Today, however, we see the great promise that this will be done in the Atlantic City decisions of the CIO, which has elaborated a program of social and labor legislation, public works, increased relief, and immediate organization within each union to realize these demands, as the first task. They will take the form, within many industries and plants, of a struggle within certain limits for an equalization of work and particularly against discrimination of militants.

What to Fight

"It will take the form," Stachel continued, "of a fight against speed-up within the given industries and plants for a guaranteed minimum number of hours per week and a guaranteed minimum number of weeks per year of employment, against wage cuts, and for higher wages to meet the rising cost of living.

"It must also assume the character of a broader struggle of the unions jointly with the rest of the labor movement to fight for social and labor legislation to benefit workers, farmers and middle class people generally by fighting for a genuine wages and hours bill, which should raise wages and decrease hours; by fighting for relief for the poverty stricken farmers; by demanding a strengthening of the Social Security Act along the lines proposed by the CIO; by fighting for the extension of the WPA and housing program; for increased funds to issue relief

The Economic Slump —by Redfield



"LOOK GLUM, Everett, we're supposed to be losing money."

to all workers who can not find private employment or government work.

"The movement must entail, or include, a program of taxation which will place the burden upon the big capitalists. We favor the balancing of the budget by taxing the rich and providing the necessities for the poor.

More Educational Work

"The unions should make provisions to keep their members in good standing. This may take the form of exempt stamps, partial exemption, the raising of a fund by the union as a whole to take care of this, or any other form desired by the organization.

The unions," Stachel continued, answering the first question, "should develop, particularly in this period, more educational and cultural activity both for the enlightenment of the members as to the causes of the depression, the prospects for the future, the tasks of the labor movement, as well as to provide the necessary cultural and recreational facilities to keep the allegiance of the unemployed workers to the union."

Emphasizing the practical advantages for the unions which will result from the immediate struggle in defense of the interests of unemployed and part-time working union members, Stachel related his experiences of a recent discussion with organized steel workers in the Big Sparrows Point mills of Bethlehem Steel at Baltimore.

Remain Union Members

"I recently had an occasion to meet with a number of these workers," he said. "For a number of causes the union had not organized the majority of workers in the plant. These same workers are now facing mass unemployment. Early in November 6,000 were laid off, and it was quite obvious from our discussion, that if the union in the Sparrows Point mill were to develop a real program to fight for the unemployed, to get work or relief for them—this would result in getting not only the unemployed, but the employed workers in the mill into the union—for they would see in the union protection."

Stachel again stressed the point that the unemployed members in the unions today must feel "that they are actually a part of the organization with full rights and benefits."

Continuing the interview, the writer put the following question to Comrade Stachel:

"In relation to the present industrial recession, what immediate features of the Roosevelt program are partly responsible for the slump—and what role should the unions play in the legislative field to strengthen the New Deal program?"

A Wages-Hours Bill

IN HIS reply, Stachel put the writer's question in another way:

"I would reframe the question," he said, "it would be more correct to state 'what specific policies of finance capital are responsible for the present recession; and as far as legislation is concerned, we might put it this way: what proposals had the administration brought forward which were rejected by the reactionaries and also to what extent have Roosevelt's tendencies to yield to some of the pressure of the reactionaries contributed to the recession?'

"While we as Communists fully realize that as long as capitalism exists, there will be unemployment, nevertheless, our

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Suggestion for More Effective Speaking

Editor Western Worker:

It is most disgusting to a serious worker to see how time is wasted.

Speakers, especially women, could spend their time speaking at churches where they have open forums. Instead they come to speak at Communist halls where the big majority are convinced of Communism.

Time is short. War and fascism are about us. If we do our work well, fascism will be defeated.

Can we get speakers to go into the outer cities, or have them speak in smaller towns, say in West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona?

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WESTERN WORKER

SEEING RED with MIKE QUIN.

THE PRESENT "business recession" is not descending upon a gay, happy and unsuspecting people like the lava of old Pompeii. It is super-imposed on the previous depression like a wart upon a wart.

It is reaching its claws at a people seasoned by eight years of bitter experience and serious thought.

The giant mills, enormous factories, sprawling corporation ranches, nerve-like transportation and communication systems are today viewed by 129 million American people with more understanding eyes. They see these things for what they are—the means of life.

Employment in these industries has nothing to do with choice or privilege. Employment is necessary. If it cannot be employed in these industries, they cannot live.

By the same token, if these industries do not function, they cannot live. Those mills produce the clothes they wear; those factories the implements of living; those railroad tracks, steamships and telegraph wires are the blood stream and nerve system of collective life.

Today the idea of Socialism is not a thing to be taught laboriously. It is being conceived naturally in the American mind.

Private ownership for individual profit is becoming more manifestly ridiculous. The logic of collective ownership—of a cooperative commonwealth—is becoming more compelling daily. It is difficult for sensible people to think or talk of current problems without broaching the subject of socialism. People are even discussing socialist ideas without realizing that they are socialist.

America is reaching a point where a mass understanding of and desire for socialism is possible.

This factor must be realized by all Communists. Education during the coming year is going to be more imperative than ever before, and must be approached with an understanding that these new developments create new objective circumstances.

Party schools in the past have been a tough assignment. Sometimes far too few students turned up. Many times these schools were hopelessly sectarian—even the titles of the courses being so dull as to have the drawing power of a smallpox sign.

The near future is going to see a mental appetite for knowledge of Socialism such as has never been seen in America before. It is going to take hard work, careful planning, and trained comrades to meet this responsibility. It asks for both imagination and energy.

A lot of you close sympathizers standing on the fringe of the Party—come on. There's work to be done.

Our task is two-fold. We have to win a majority of the American workers to a comprehension of and an active desire for socialism. At the same time we have to build up the organized power for the achievement of socialism.

The other day I was discussing with a man the composition of an article on layoffs and the right to work. The article was not about socialism. It was purely a labor union argument.

"Of course," said the man, "when you begin to discuss the right to work, you automatically get in the necessity of taking over the means of production."

"Yes," I agreed, "the reader's mind can't help but travel on beyond what you say and come to more mature conclusions."

And that is exactly what is happening. The collective mind of American labor is straining for a solution. It is thinking intelligently about the problems of the day. And will you tell me how you can think intelligently on current problems without wading up on socialism's door mat?

The daily Western—the PEOPLE'S WORLD—could not possibly have come at a more timely moment. It is being born on a tremendous task. It must carry an understanding of Communism to the homes of the West.

Counsel for the People

WOMEN'S MINIMUM WAGE | Bosses Have Free Hand

MORE than twenty years ago, California adopted a Women's Minimum Wage Law. Its purpose was to protect women and minors by providing for a minimum wage, a maximum number of hours per week, and standard conditions of labor.

As enacted, the law itself did not fix either a minimum wage or a maximum number of hours, but left the determination of both to the Division of Industrial Welfare.

As administered by the division, wages and hours and conditions of labor are established separately for each industry. Each determination is made in the form of an Order.

These orders of the division are supposed to be changed from time to time as conditions change, so that the purposes of the Act may be fully accomplished.

Although the passage of this law was regarded as a signal achievement by labor and progressive groups in this state, the fact is that it has been little more than a dead letter on the statute books. It is now almost fifteen years since the division has handed down any new order. Its last order was made in 1923. Thus, to the extent that the law has been enforced at all in the past decade, it has been administered on the basis of conditions existing in 1923.

Law Upheld By Court

THE heads of the Division are not elected by the people, but are appointees of the Governor. These appointees have never hesitated to use the vagueness, anti-picketing, and criminal syndicalism laws against workers, even though there was serious question concerning the constitutionality of these laws.

Recently, however, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the constitutionality of the New York Minimum Wage Law, which is substantially the same as the one in California. Thus there is no longer any doubt as to the validity of the California Act, and its rigorous enforcement in all particulars should be obtained.

But in order to accomplish this, a great deal of pressure will have to be exerted upon the present heads of the Division. Timothy A. Reardon and Mrs. Mabel E. Kinney are the persons directly responsible for the functioning of the California Act. In the past, both of them have been notoriously lax in their efforts to protect workers.

Employers, for example, are permitted to pay as little as \$12.00 a week for "apprentices." Apprentices are considered to be less women who have worked less than six months for the employer. Thus employers are enabled, by rotating their workers every six months, to evade the law and establish what amounts to a \$12.00 minimum wage in this state.

Co-ordinated and widespread criticism from the labor movement will be necessary before safe and standard conditions will be firmly established and maintained in California industries.

Children of Workers and Peasants: How They Fare in Socialist Land

These Sturdy Youngsters Are the Hope of Tomorrow

Child Health Program Is Thoroughgoing and Extending

By MARGARET PHILLIPS

HOW the people of the Soviet Union regard the rearing and training of a new generation is a pet theme of all travellers to the USSR. When it is realized that the millions of youngsters now growing up there will hold aloft the torch of Socialism during the coming years, their training becomes a matter of universal interest.

How are these children trained? What methods do the Soviet peoples use to ensure the perpetuation of their great victories through posterity? What kind of people will the makers of classless society be?

The health of the child is one of the primary concerns of the Soviet Union. Child health program is thoroughgoing and extensive, encompasses all children everywhere and is free of cost (except for a nominal charge for medicines). Numerous and conveniently situated clinics look after healthy children and treat children who are ill. Furthermore, it is realized that prescribing medicines and diet is only a portion of a health service worthy of the name. The child's home and school environment must have attention as well, the facilities for carrying out the doctor's orders must be available. It is this wide view which makes the Soviet health program so effective.

To School at 8

But if the Soviet Union is concerned for the child's bodily health, it is equally concerned for his mental and spiritual wholeness. The opportunities for well-rounded development are astonishing in their scope. For very young children there are, of course, the nurseries. These are frequently connected with factories, for the convenience of employed mothers. The child may be left here in the morning and taken home at night. For somewhat older children there are kindergartens, where pre-school training is given. Formal schooling does not begin until the child's eighth year.

There are numerous playgrounds, not only in parks and squares, but, more importantly, in the courtyards of apartment house buildings, so that children have facilities for play right in their own back yards, so to speak. Workers' clubs have play rooms, libraries, and "hobby" rooms for members' children; and there are clubs exclusively for children, where every conceivable activity is to be found. All this is free and needless to say, extremely popular with the children. They flock to playgrounds and clubs by the thousands. The sad spectacle of children playing in traffic-laden streets for want of a better place is conspicuous by its absence.

Spur to Initiative

Children are encouraged to develop their talents. If a child shows unusual ability in any direction, whether in arts, in mechanics, in athletics, or whatever it may be, he is given specialized training. I saw a considerable amount of excellent art work done by children in the public schools. A beautiful collection of paintings illustrating Pushkin's tales and all done by children now hangs in the Hermitage Museum at Leningrad. Likewise, there are facilities for children interested in radio, electricity, railroading, poetry, dancing, swimming, and so on and on.

There can remain no doubt in the Soviet child's mind that it is an integral and valued member of society. For not only are there such large scale provisions made for it as are described above, but in many small ways as well does the child experience an affectionate and intelligent solicitude. For instance, corporal punishment is prohibited; not even a parent may strike his child; the powers of reason are urged as a substitute for the rod. Bul-

Chemicals Health Peril In Aircraft

By DR. FRANKLIN BISSELL

Aeroplane workers can be poisoned by a chemical that is sometimes in the varnish or "dope" for covering the wings of the airship. This chemical is tetrachlorethane.

The early symptoms of this poisoning are illness, drowsiness at work, loss of appetite, nausea, bad taste in mouth, headache and constipation.

If this chemical is used in the varnish, workers should see that proper measures are taken to prevent poisoning. The main measure is proper ventilation, which should consist of fan at the floor level which draw the air out of the room at least once every two minutes and fresh air in from the opposite side. All workers should be examined by a doctor at least twice a month.



THESE CHILDREN of Spain's Loyalist Defenders came to the Soviet Union miserable and hungry. Three months in children's camps restored their health and spirit. Here they are shown saluting Young Pioneers at a children's festival near Moscow.

lying is considered bad form, whether toward adults or children.

Children's Theater

The effect of this "socializing" process is illustrated by the responses of the children to various stimuli in their recreation, such as example as impressions received in the theater.

The Russians are exceedingly fond of the theatre and theatre-going is a regular part of their life. And in this respect they have also made handsome provision for the children. There are 130 children's theatres for legitimate plays, special movie theatres, children's special radio broadcasts, and special concerts—all for Soviet children.

These performances are by first-rate adult artists, but the subject matter of the productions is such as to appeal to children. With admission price low, houses are invariably packed, so that one needs to reserve one's seat in advance. So I found upon deciding to see a performance of "Pink and Blue" at a Moscow children's theatre.

I made my way to my front-row seat amidst the buzz and hum of several hundred children eagerly finding their places, scanning programs, excitedly anticipating the performance. As the play for this afternoon bore an innocuous-sounding title, I expected to find more of interest in the audience than in the play,

The cast was composed of adult actors, certainly among the

best in the theatre. And not only was the acting excellent, but I noted great care had been taken with makeup, costumes, and sets. The ideology of the play was sufficiently mature to be of interest to the adult, but was presented so directly, and clearly as to be easily comprehended by children and assimilated into their experience. At no point was there the least condescension, either in ideology or in technique.

Gripping Play

Eventually the house went black, a hush fell, and the curtain rose. Contrary to expectation, "Pink and Blue" turned out to be a gripping play of the persecution of a Jewish student in a girls' boarding school in the days preceding the 1905 revolution. The tyranny of the teachers, their servility toward social superiors, the hypocrisy and emptiness of the school's program, the tragedy of the lone Jewish student, are dismally told for all the world to see.

In her efforts to help the Jewish student, one of the girls experiences at first hand some ugly facts and finds herself unexpectedly exposed to the ideas and the physical dangers of the 1905 revolution. Her disillusion of long standing flowers into political awakening, she renounces the school and goes out into the world to take up the cause of the oppressed.

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An Amazing Audience

Interesting as the play was, the greatest novelty and interest for me lay in the audience itself. During the performance the children sat absolutely absorbed; I didn't hear so much as a wiggle. But how they came to life between acts! They went out into the foyer, some to drink juices or munch on tidbits from the refreshment counter, others to promenade about with friends—for all the world like their elders! It was amusing to watch them.

In some of the theatres for children the youngsters are entertained with music and mass or individual dancing while waiting for the curtain; but the theatre this afternoon did not have such features. The children, however, managed to amuse themselves in their own way.

It was interesting to see that for all their animation and interest, their eagerness over the performance, their excitement at seeing friends, and the general air of vitality and energy, there was no rowdiness, no loud shouting or yelling, no helter-skelter running about, no disorder.

Curtain Calls

The signal bell rang, the children resumed their seats, the house went black, and another act was unfolded, until finally the last curtain went down. For what followed at this point I was wholly unprepared. There was a sudden rush toward the stage amidst tremendous applause and a minor bedlam was let loose as the children began to call for their favorite actors.

These youngsters were no novices to the theatre! They knew the actors by name, they had seen them perform, they had opinions on their performance. Their reaction was vivid and unconscious; there was no timid hanging back, no hesitancy about raising one's voice and making curtain call after curtain call for one's favorites.

They've already demonstrated their similarity to a lightning rod, a victory by fumbling three or four times less frequently than the Vanderbilt eleven. Lefty is ready to take issue with them Noddy Know-it-alls.

Now Lefty is by heart a broad internationalist and is not in the least given to any bitter sectional preference, but after hearing the Alabama-Vanderbilt game in which Mr. Joe Kilgore's team mates only managed to eke out a victory by fumbling three or four times less frequently than the Vanderbilt eleven. Lefty is ready to take issue with them Noddy Know-it-alls.

Take notice of Lefty's pronunciation, Mr. Rodney. And (perish the thought) if they don't, Lefty will send you an autographed copy of the first edition of the People's World as a token of your prognosticatorial superiority.

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Farm Workers Suffer; Big Growers Prosper

Unholy Alliance Between AFL and Farm Monopolists Destroys Militancy of Workers, Real Wages Fall

By CLINT DUFF

The big agricultural interests of California are sitting pretty.

Despite the big freeze early this year, the California citrus fruit crop yielded a gross net to the big growers and financial interests of the state of more than \$20,000,000, according to current reports of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange.

An additional 246,000 acres of cotton yield, coupled with significant gains in other fruit and vegetable crops, have made the past year's farm output the richest in many years.

Growers Happy

Bumper crops are not the only cause for the rejoicing of the Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Associated Farmers clique. An added blessing to the land monopolists is that 1937 has been a "smooth year" in respect to agricultural labor.

During the period of 1932 to 1936 frequent strikes in agriculture occurred, in which at least 50,000 workers participated. Some of the hardest fought strikes in the labor history of the nation have taken place in this five-year period, for example the 1933 strike of 10,000 San Joaquin cotton workers, the 1934 struggle of 5,000 Imperial Valley lettuce and pea workers, etc.

This year there has not been a single major labor struggle in any phase of California agriculture. Scarcely an echo of such militant struggles as the Salinas lettuce strike of last year has been heard.

Real Wages Tumble

Quiet on the labor front, if accompanied by high wages and good working conditions, would be no matter to worry about. But this is not the case. Real wages (taking into account the rise in living costs) have fallen and long hours and unhealthy conditions remain the rule in agriculture work.

Why is it that California labor in the fields and processing houses has, on the whole, lost ground during the past year?

The answer is found in the fact that in their never-ending struggle against unionization, the big bosses of agriculture have seized upon a new weapon; the agricultural apparatus of the American Federation of Labor.

Certain officials of the AFL, notably Edward Vandeleur, have consistently played the role of labor lieutenants for the big growers and packers. Time and again they have stood shoulder to shoulder with the exploiters in maintaining the "open shop" in agriculture.

Labor Traitors

To cover up their real deeds, the traitors were forced to erect nominal "unions" to confuse the workers into believing that they were protected from the employers. The growers and packers encouraged this farce by allowing themselves to be "impressed" with the fake AFL company unions in agriculture.

In the case of the 60,000 cannery workers "organized" by the AFL campaign, the packers concluded an agreement with the "representatives of the workers" (composed almost exclusively of company stooges: foremen, floor-ladies, etc.) and granted a slight wage increase to smooth things over.

The bankrupt AFL officials have also proved useful to the employers in fighting the organization of the fresh fruit packing houses. While during the year there has been a large increase in the signing into the AFL of packers, sorters, floor walkers, there has been no real movement by the unions to secure agreements with their employers.

CIO Gains

If the money lords of agriculture have found a new weapon in the AFL apparatus, the field and processing workers are beginning to find their champion in the CIO Agricultural and Cannery Union (UCAPAWA). A though handicapped by treacherous alliance of the AFL officials with the bosses and by the perversity of the CIO agricultural organization, significant gains have been made during the

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LOS ANGELES THIEF BRANDIED LIAR BY C. P.

Mooney Joins Communists in Exposing Trickery of L. A. Burglar

SAN FRANCISCO—Arthur Kent, alias Scott, arrested for burglary in Los Angeles early this week, perjured himself when he declared he gave the proceeds of his crimes to the Communist Party, according to a statement of the California State Committee of the Party released here Thursday.

The State Committee statement branded as false the press reports which attempted to link Kent to the Party.

"If this is the same individual who is known here as Arthur Scott," said the statement, "he and his wife were expelled from the Party in August, 1937, as unreliable adventurers, after which they disappeared and their whereabouts were unknown. If Kent made the statements quoted in the press, and they were not fabricated by the police department, then he is a contemptible liar and has let his imagination run wild."

At the same time, inquiries at the headquarters of the Mooney Molders Defense Committee revealed that Kent was never at any time a director of the Committee. The famous political prisoner denied reports from Los Angeles, declaring that though Scott was at one time authorized to arrange meetings and affairs, his connection with the committee had been severed for some time.

"He has had absolutely no connection with the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee for approximately the past year and one-half," said Mooney.

Held in the Los Angeles jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail, Kent is reported to have said that the burglaries were not "stealing" but compulsory social taxation.

Answering this statement and others which purportedly implicated the Communist Party and the CIO, the California State Committee's statement said:

"The favorite device of scoundrels is to blame everything on the Communists. Kent's Robin Hood story rivals the fairy tale invented by Ivan Cox, and probably comes from the same source."

LOS ANGELES—The following statement was issued jointly by J. R. Robertson, CIO regional director for Southern California, and Lou Goldblatt, personal representative of Coast Director Harry Bridges:

"The effort to frame Tom Johnson, business agent manager of the CIO Industrial Unionist, is but another link in the long chain of attempts to slander and destroy the CIO, its affiliated unions and officers.

"We are not surprised that the police, cooperating with the open-shoppers, have utilized a stool-pigeon to perform their part in the union wrecking campaign.

"The public and workers in Los Angeles have had their fill of these ridiculous attempts to frame and slander honest labor organizations and their representatives. We intend to put an end to this sniping. A civil suit will be instituted against the perpetrators of the Tom Johnson frame-up. We intend that full retribution and indemnity be made for his arrest and the slander of his name."

LAYOFFS HANDLED

COLOMBES, France—The discharge of one worker in the Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant here closed the plant tight when approximately 1500 employees called a protest strike after company officials refused to reinstate the "unwarranted" firing of the worker.

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SMASHING WALL ST.'S SABOTAGE; LABOR UNITY CAN SAVE NATION

(Continued from Page 4)

The Basis for Unity

support among the farmers and other groups of the populace, and follow a tactic which will bring the best results, nationally in cooperation with all the forces of the New Deal in the various states with these same forces initiating necessary reformation outside and within the old parties.

"Do you think," the writer asked, "there should be a drive by progressives within the AFL and CIO as a whole toward a minimum program of unity based on a fight for the unemployed and against the layoffs?"

out against the wages and hours bill, and who surely doesn't speak for the AFL rank and file in his position.

"I think," he concluded, "the present situation calls for the emphasis of this fact: Today unity of the labor movement is a burning question. It also indicates that unity will have to be achieved on the basis of a program which will be able to cope with the problems of the masses: the policies of the CIO, industrial unions, and an intensive campaign to organize the unorganized, progressive legislation, a program such as outlined by the CIO in Atlantic City, in contrast with the position of William Green, who came

out against the AFL members will be aroused by this and will furnish us even a greater basis for developing pressure for unity. While negotiations go on, and until they are consummated, I do believe it is necessary and possible that the implied truce which is now in existence can be extended, and that joint efforts on the part of the AFL and the CIO to meet the present unemployment situation will go a long way towards bringing forth unity."

Warehousemen Elect Progressive Slate

SAN FRANCISCO — A complete progressive slate was swept into office by the recently-concluded elections in International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local 1-6, CIO.

Louis Goldblatt, running unopposed for vice president received 2640 votes, the highest cast for any candidate.

Eugene Paton was chosen president, 2369 to 482.

Others elected were Charles T. Quirey, secretary-treasurer,

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Unionism Grows Among Cotton Pickers in Southern Towns

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Sacramento Labor Unites To Halt Mass Unemployment

Oakland AFL Autocrats Sabotage Japanese Boycott

SRA Head Launches Vicious Anti-Labor Attack on Steel Workers

RELIEF CZAR CLASHES WITH SF UNIONISTS

HITLER TACTICS

Calls Alliance Officials "Thugs" and Refuses Relief Aid

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco SRA relief czar, John Small, demonstrated his bitterness against organized labor here when he told a committee from the Steel Workers Organizing Committee: "So far as the SRA in San Francisco is concerned you better dissolve your union committee (on unemployment) as I positively refuse to meet with union committees to settle grievances—you can write me a letter about them."

The committee had gone to Mr. Small to make arrangements to handle their unemployed in the same manner that trade unions in other parts of the state are doing. It was pointed out that he has the power to make these arrangements so as to cut red tape. He not only refused the offer of the union to cooperate but refuses to deal in any manner with any union except by letter. This is of course the same old game of run around and he states "If you don't like my ruling you can get an attorney and take it up legally with Mr. Pomeroy or the Governor, and I know that they will back me as I am doing a good job here."

Further he told the committee which also included a representative of the Workers Alliance, that "the only union in San Francisco which has concerned itself in the past with SRA is the Workers Alliance and they are the only union that does not agree with my policies." When he was confronted with the question of calling the cops to arrest grievance committees to arrest grievance committees he said "I will always call the police when a bunch of thugs come in here and every officer of the Workers Alliance is a thug and a liar and all those that participate in any picket line in front of this office are all thugs."

However the steel workers informed Small that they do not intend to disband their unemployment committee and that they will expect him to cooperate and meet with them. Then Small said "I used to work with steel workers and they are all fine men but this Workers Alliance is just a bunch of thugs."

The main theme was that workers could organize anywhere but it is ridiculous to expect to bargain collectively for relief and that union committees and picket lines at relief offices were simply ridiculous.

This anti-union attitude must be broken down and it is expected that within a few days there will be several large union committees and demonstrations at Mr. Small's office.

On leaving the committee noted that the only pictures adorning the walls of Mr. Small's office were three propaganda posters from Fascist Italy. It is thus easy to see where he gets his anti-union ideas.

Other unions are rapidly setting up their unemployed committees and several unions beside the Steel Workers and the maritime workers are beginning action here. The Workers Alliance is gladly cooperating with all these committees.

Pastor Assails L. A. Open Shop League

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES—Rev. Frank M. Toothacker, well known Episcopalian and Progressive pastor of Compton Methodist Church, wrote privately to Los Angeles employers who are fighting organized labor, stating the position taken by the Methodist General Conference, sustaining the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.

One firm gave the letter to a Los Angeles Times reporter. The Times published a defense of the open shop, quoting as its supporter C. E. Locke, a retired bishop who was a red-baiter during and after the World War. The employers are trying to use the phrase "davebeckism" to push through the council a vicious anti-picketing law.

ELECTION RESULTS
MOSCOW—More than 18,000 telephones were installed and 15 aviation routes organized or re-established for the transfer of election information and materials.

The Union Comes of Age in Porterville; Here's How It's Done

By a Cotton Picker

PORTERVILLE, Tulare County—It is a chilly December night and the only publicity given to the meeting has been from mouth to mouth, but here they are, more than a hundred orange, olive and cotton pickers, standing in a semi-circle on the auto camp ground just east of the dry sandy creek bed. Behind the two lanterns on the small table the speaker is saying:

"Sure it's a little late to get organized for this year, maybe we won't be able to get anything done this season but remember: neither your life nor the union stops at Porterville. After the work here some of you fellows are going to the Salt River Valley to pick cotton, some of you are going to the Imperial Valley for the dates, some of you are going to make the oranges at Redlands and Riverside. Wherever you go you will find Porterville conditions, wherever you go you will find a hundred reasons for joining or forming a union."

TUOLUMNE SEES CIO SPONSOR FESTIVE BANQUET FOR LABOR

Jam Hall as Woodworkers Come to Hear Rogers, Acheson, Bianchi

By a Lumber Worker

TUOLUMNE, Tuolumne County—This week the International Woodworkers of America, local 84, gave the open-shoppers, Girdlers and their stools in Tuolumne something to talk about.

Just think of it, a labor banquet took place in one of the most reactionary districts of sun-dappled California, noted for its crowded prisons and orange groves of the IWA auxiliary that is quiet enough to make the reactionaries think that this poisonous infection that was being used on the people of the district for years is proving to be a boomerang.

With two long tables, 35 to each table, at the end of the dining room, two large American flags were draped around President Roosevelt's picture; below the picture a large CIO sign, also draped with flags.

Labor Lays Cornerstone

It was such a surprisingly large turn-out that only half of the crowd was able to be seated at the tables; union men brought their wives and children to witness labor laying a cornerstone for organization and creating labor history here.

Brother Rogers acted as chairman later on during the ceremonies. These consisted of talks, singing and were followed by a dance.

The chairman declared that the purpose of the meeting was to commemorate labor's activity throughout the nation. He called attention to the Mooney case and showed how each progressive move on the part of President Roosevelt was being opposed by the reactionary forces back in the national capital. He showed the importance of labor's organization in the political field as well as the economic.

Sister J. Tank spoke on behalf of the IWA auxiliary that is being organized, of the important role the women have taken in the labor world, mentioning Mother Bloor, Jones, Pankhurst as examples of women labor leaders.

Brother Robert Acheson, president of local 84, spoke of the progress and interests of the entire community since the existence of the IWA and received the respect of business men as well as of our common enemy the West Side and Pickering Lumber Companies, which have reduced hours and brought down the living standards.

Vigilantism Sponsored

Brother Fred Bianchi of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, who organized the Tuolumne County miners, Local 352, told of the increase of membership since affiliation to the CIO and the continuous gains made among the hard rock miners where maximum hours and minimum wages were previously unknown. He told how the vigilantes sponsored by the powerful mining interests of Grass Valley and Nevada City first fought the CIO and are still spending millions in fighting against the hard rock miners who are within the law in demanding hours, wages and conditions.

He told how the moneybags formed company unions and sent wages sky-rocketing with the appearance of the CIO, how the mining companies referred their banditry and piracy charges to the supreme court from which the miners expect a showdown after the first of the year.

Little Jane Zachalla was the star attraction of the evening, costumed as Uncle Sam, with a tall hat bearing a CIO inscription, she swaggered before the audience like a seasoned performer.

There is much to do. . . One

third of a nation . . . ill-clad, ill-housed, ill-fed."

There will be a meeting Tuesday. Hundreds will come. From every corner of the hall voices will rise to discuss job-grievances, union policy and action. This year, with only a few weeks of the season left, we can only strive to lay the groundwork for a strong organization. But next spring, when the Valencias come off, it will be another story. I tell you, there is much to do.

A STREET scene at Manezhnaya Street and Okhotny Road, leading to the site of the future palace of Soviets.

A New Moscow Rising Out of the Old



A STREET scene at Manezhnaya Street and Okhotny Road, leading to the site of the future palace of Soviets.

PROGRESS IN SANTA BARBARA STRIKE

Domestic Laundry Signs With Union, Breaks Deadlock

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA BARBARA — State Organizer Keegan of the Laundry Workers Union, accompanied by a delegation of local Santa Barbara's Laundry Workers Union No. 90, visited the Citizen's League last Tuesday evening and gave us a fine inspiring talk;

reactionaries think that this poisonous infection that was being used on the people of the district for years is proving to be a boomerang.

With two long tables, 35 to each table, at the end of the dining room, two large American flags were draped around President Roosevelt's picture; below the picture a large CIO sign, also draped with flags.

Merely a Quote

Needless to say he neglected to point out that the article merely quoted from a clipping in the magazine "News Week" in which Lundeberg was accused of instigating the investigation now going on in Washington.

Tribute to Alliance

The speaker incidentally gave tribute to our Workers Alliance for the support given the strikers from the very start.

The W. A. also had a representation to read and receive signatures for a petition for "Old Age Pensioners and Wage-earners." Many copies are being circulated through town and will be presented at the trial Dec. 22.

Workers Alliance No. 16 will have a Children's Festival at Utopian Hall for the children of our members on the 23rd. A preliminary meeting to collect money and commodities will be held on the 17th.

One thing more, we did not forget Tom Mooney's birthday and sent him a letter and small gift through the Mooney Defense.

RED CAPS TO MEET

NEW YORK—A national conference of Red Caps, Ushers and Station Porters has been called by A. Philip Randolph, head of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, in Chicago on Jan. 14, to form a national union.

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A Warehouseman Asks Mr. Dave Beck a Few Embarrassing Questions

SEATTLE, Wash.—I want to ask publicly a few questions to Dave "Czar" Beck. I heard him make the statement recently that "we want to avoid strikes because they bring misery and hardship to the workers involved," and I would like to know if this is a true statement of his policy. If it is, I want to ask him what he meant a short time ago when, speaking of members of the ILWU, he said in effect, "They can starve for all I care."

If he wants to avoid misery and hardship for the workers why did he close five warehouses here and throw more than 200 men and women out of work and prevent them from earning a living for their families? They, and I am one of them, are facing the problem of keeping their homes warm, and clothing and feeding their children for no other reason than because Beck closed the plants in a show of power.

This the Way Out?
Is this the way you try to avoid giving misery and hardship to workers, Dave Beck?

You said recently that "those of us who have made it so, have contributed to the general welfare of the community." How can the closing of five warehouses and the intimidating of the workers by "goon squads" be contributing to the welfare of the community?

You told us to forget Spain, Asia and Russia and solve our own problems in our own American way for the benefit of both industry and labor. That's fine. Let's do just that. And let us begin by giving the workers in these five warehouses the chance to vote for the union they want to represent them, as guaranteed them by our United States Constitution.

This is the way to avoid misery and hardships for workers, Dave Beck. Why don't you try it?

'Reds Crucifying Me,' Shrieks Mr. Lundeberg

By a Worker Correspondent

Howling like a madman and waving a copy of the Western Worker in the air, Harry Lundeberg, secretary of the SUP, Monday night accused the Communist Party of everything from the original sin of Adam and Eve to the lack of steam on the steam schooners.

Complaining bitterly of the Communist Party's well known policy of exposing anyone who opposes the best interests of the workers, regardless of whether he poses as a friend of the boss or as a militant marching rank and file phrases, he shouted: "They're trying to frame me."

He held up a copy of the Western Worker and screamed: "Here they accuse me of being a stool pigeon and of having a hand in the deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges—it's a damned lie. The dirty

100 per cent."

FORCED LABOR IN LOS ANGELES CAMPS

No Pay for Workers in Southern Camps

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN DIEGO — Labor camps patterned exactly after those in Italy and Germany are running in Los Angeles under Col. Connolly.

All single men applying for relief are told that they must go to these camps or be denied all relief. In these camps they are forced to work 30 hours per week at whatever hard manual labor they are assigned to, for which they receive no money whatsoever!

A few exceptions are made where stool pigeons are paid from \$2.50 to \$7.50 per month "for good behavior," using them like trustees in prison.

The food is of the lowest quality and absolutely no medical care is provided, in many cases not even first aid.

The housing consists of cheaply built wooden firetrap dormitories with double deck bunks.

No worker can leave one of these camps without a permit from the superintendent.

When the hard-working Workers Alliance came to a Board of Supervisors' meeting to protest against these Nazi camps, they were told "only the principals concerned will be permitted to sit in the discussion."

The men in the camps were not considered "principals." The principals were the Board of Supervisors, Welfare Commission, and Regional Park Board.

A further threat lies in the fact that construction formerly for such weaklings. Although Lundeberg knows this, he tried to link Davis up as a member of the Communist Party and a party to a plot to frame Lundeberg.

Red Baiting Rampant

The Communist Party is trying to frame me, but they won't get to first base," he shrieked.

Members of the union who go to their meetings to transact business and decide problems were treated instead to a long tirade on the usual Hearstian red-baiting line which is free propaganda for the shipowners.

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In Kern County, relief has been completely stopped, and all direct relief clients are told that if they don't accept cotton picking jobs at whatever wages offered them, they will be subject to arrest on charges of vagrancy.

But, if what they make is below their direct relief budget, the Relief Administration makes up the difference. In other words, the Relief Authorities in Kern County are giving relief money to the wealthy growers to help pay their wages with (that is, to help keep wages low). This fact is admitted by John Skelton, SRA Director of Kern County, who admits working hand in glove with the Associated Farmers, Chamber of Commerce and County Supervisors, and admits that his plan is under-cutting the union wage scales in Kern County, which is being paid by the small growers.

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Subscriptions Not Ads Are the Backbone of "People's World"

Quinn, Labor Journal Chief, Leads Attack on Progressive Action

RANK AND FILE ANGERED

Article Endorses "Denver Plan," Whatever That May Be; Nobody Seems to Know

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—James H. Quinn, president of the Building Trades Council, and editor of the East Bay Labor Journal, doesn't like the idea of a Japanese Boycott. It works a hardship on his bosom pals, the big department store owners, who profit through the sale of these goods.

* But when organized labor demands a Japanese boycott and instructs Quinn to publicize their sentiment in the pages of the Journal he is caught between two fires.

Quinn Distorts Demands

The requested article is captioned "Trades Council for Denver Plan"—whatever that might be; and ends by ringing in the old story of don't purchase foreign-made goods. This manner of presenting the story prevents a union man from understanding that the Council adopted a resolution passed by the convention of the American Federation of Labor in session at Denver, Colorado, calling for labor to boycott all Japanese goods, for the express purpose of crippling the Japanese war of aggression against China.

It is reliably reported that when the motion was introduced in the Building Trades Council Quinn squirmed and practiced every ruse to prevent the Council from adopting it—from evading the point by saying that the Council was permanently on record to boycott all Oriental goods to suggesting a substitute motion that would have had nothing to do with the Japanese affair.

Stooges Follow Lead

His stooges picked up the cue and waltzed all over the map bringing in irrelevant issues. The issue of union men trading at Chinese markets was rung in. So-called leaders of labor declared they didn't know what the resolution was.

A motion was made to adjourn but was ruled out of order at the insistence of delegates fighting for the motion. One delegate requested a roll-call on the vote but it was ignored by the chair. When the original motion was put to a vote those in opposition shouted so loud the chair called for a standing vote, whereupon nearly the whole council rose to its feet in support of the motion.

News of the fight spread rapidly through the ranks of organized labor. And the rank and file expressed their extreme pleasure at the discomfort of

CIO Tri-State Convention Maps Organization Drive

GOONS SLUG 3 DELEGATES TO AFL COUNCIL

Painters Union Members Assaulted in L. A.
After Meeting

LOS ANGELES—"Goon" terrorism left its bloody mark upon organized labor's ranks again last Friday night when three progressive delegates of the Painters' District Council, No. 36, were beaten as they left the AFL Central Labor Council, here.

Beaten men were John Gudwanger, J. R. Schantz, and L. Shantz. The three men had attended a special meeting of the Labor Council called to pass on a proposed appropriation of \$75,000 to be used ostensibly for "organization purposes."

Most severely injured was Shantz, who received deep cuts on his face and numerous bruises on his body where "goons" kicked him after he had fallen.

The painters had instructions from their Council to protest appropriation of the \$75,000 if it was to be used to fight the CIO. Though Labor Council secretary J. W. Buzzell did not directly state that the money was intended for such a purpose, several statements were made to the effect that "those who don't go along with us will be crushed."

When Schantz attempted to get the floor after the motion had been voted upon with no discussion from the floor, Buzzell declared:

"This man has nothing that could interest this Council—I don't think he should be given the floor—the meeting's adjourned."

Tommy Ramford, president of Painters' local 202, accompanying Schantz, vigorously protesting the beatings, was told:

"You'd better keep out of this—we're going to be here every Friday night and clean out these Communists."

Council OK's Ban on Japan In San Jose

Labor Body Endorses
Boycott in Strong
Resolution

SAN JOSE—"Boycott Japanese Goods." That was the clarion call of the Central Labor Council here early this month as an overwhelming majority vote passed the following resolution:

Whereas: The ruling power of Japan has instigated an invasion of China in violation, as a signatory, of both the Nine Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand Pact; and

Whereas: The League of Nations, by unanimous opinion, has declared Japan the aggressor nation, and has called upon the signatories of the Nine Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand Pact, to act in order to guarantee the territorial integrity of China; and

Whereas: This opinion of the League of Nations has been endorsed by President Roosevelt and the state department; and

Whereas: Japan is challenging the democratic nations of the world to interfere in her attack upon the Chinese people and the further confiscation of Chinese territory; therefore be it

Resolved: That this organization go on record as favoring the placing by the United States government of an embargo on all economic transactions with Japan; and be it further

Resolved: That we go on record in favor of an immediate boycott of all Japanese goods being offered for sale in this country; and be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States and the Secretary of State and to the Labor Press.

Business Agent Bob Says

DID you ever get gypped buying meat at one of those chain stores? Then you'll appreciate the story of the woman who went into one of them with a "beef," saying: "The next time I ask for chicken, don't give me any more airplane fowls."

"What do you mean—airplane fowls?" asked the store manager. "You know what I mean," replied the irate housewife, "all wings, and machinery, and no body."

GIVE CHARTER SUBS THIS XMAS!

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column
By JOHN BRONMAN

ONE HAS only to talk to the CIO leaders to understand why they are leaders in the ranks of organized labor.

How many times have I (and you) looked at the so-called big-wigs of the American Federation of Labor bureaucracy, and wondered how they ever managed to achieve leadership. Of course, some of them were militant fighters in their day (such as the late Mike Casey of the San Francisco Teamsters), who later betrayed the workers and accepted collaboration with the bosses as the most natural thing in their lives.

But take a look at John O'Connell, John P. McLaughlin, Dave Beck, Edward D. Vandever, J. W. Buzzell—and all you can see is a gift of gab, which is 99-44-100 per cent noise. They remind you of shyster lawyers who "rose" in the world by "getting something on somebody."

But not the leaders of the CIO.

"Streamlined" Leadership

I HAVE had the pleasure (and I mean pleasure) of interviewing a number of national CIO leaders who have visited the West Coast, such as John Brophy, Donald Henderson, and just last week, Wyndham Mortimer.

There is nothing of the "blowhard" about any of these men. They are soft-spoken, straightforward, and extremely intelligent. When you ask them questions, there is no attempt to dodge issues but rather a clear statement of the points involved. And such a thing as class collaboration is the farthest thing from their minds.

First of all, there is Brophy, who represents the highest type of Catholic worker, one who is a firm believer in militant trade union action. He rose to leadership in the United Mine Workers and now, as director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, is a leader of all labor, respected and admired by all honest workers, AFL and CIO.

Henderson has the difficult job of leading the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, which is trying to organize a vast field never before touched on any considerable scale. He does not minimize the difficulties that face the union, the terrific obstacles of vigilantism and widely scattered territory, but he is far from pessimistic. He knows that the workers in this industry will rally behind the CIO banner, and that the poverty and mass misery that have existed for them will be banished by the union.

He Fights "Fordism"

MORTIMER has been called the most brilliant, outstanding leader in the United Auto Workers. He started his union career at 16 with a United Mine Workers' card, worked in the steel industry, took the lead in organizing the first federal locals in the auto industry in Cleveland, after the birth of the NIRA. He became president of his local, president of the district council of auto workers, and in April of last year, first vice president of the UAW.

A man of about 30, he is vigorous and alert and hard driving, yet soft spoken, clear and concise. He has a real determination to be a capable leader for the hundreds of thousands of auto workers, who have come to respect him and his ability. It is men like him in the UAW who will destroy the long open-shop reign of Henry Ford.

What Makes CIO Leaders

MORTIMER stated last week: "I think the CIO is simply an expression of an economic need of the American working people."

It might be added that the CIO leaders are real leaders because they give expression and direction to this economic need, and therefore leadership has been bestowed upon them by the American working people.

It should be a source of great pride to workers on the Pacific Coast that they have given birth to three national CIO leaders—Harry Bridges, Mervyn Rathborne of the American Radio Tele-Graphists Assn., and Harold Pritchett, president of the Intl. Woodworkers of America.

In every respect, they fulfill the idea of leadership of labor which has come to fruition in the CIO.

FUR WORKERS' DANCE

LOS ANGELES—In order to raise funds for organizational work, towards 100 per cent unionization of the fur industry here, the CIO Int'l. Fur Workers Union will stage their annual dance on Saturday night, January 15, 1938, at the Royal Palms Hotel Ballroom, 360 South Westlake Ave. Many Harmon's orchestra will provide music for this example of labor statesmanship.

The two resolutions which were referred to the executive board by the resolutions committee of the recent CIO state convention were sponsored and endorsed by Mr. Gelders.

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WHITE COLLAR UNION CALLS RALLY ON WPA

Survey Discloses 5,000
Are Eligible for
Project Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO—Protesting continued sweeping lay-offs in the white-collar field and pointing to the "vital necessity of extending the scope of the WPA program for office workers, the Clerical and Professional Projects Assn. of the Workers Alliance and the United Office and Professional Workers Union have called a meeting to discuss their problems at 8 p.m., December 22, 149 Mason Street.

Members of the committee in charge of the meeting state that of the total number of certified WPA workers residing here, 50 per cent are classified in the clerical and professional groups and that only 12 per cent of those actually working on WPA are engaged in office, clerical or professional work.

A recent survey disclosed there are about 5000 unemployed white collar workers here eligible to be certified for WPA work. In addition, there are thousands of others, including many heads of families, who need work; but because they are in possession of mortgaged homes, small insurance policies, and the like, or are living with relatives, or for various other minor reasons, they have been barred from WPA work.

James B. McSheehey, City Supervisor, will head a list of speakers from several clerical and professional unions.

Office Union Asks Election In Hancock's

Petitions Labor Board for
15,000 Employees of
Insurance Firm

WASHINGTON—A petition for an election to determine the collective bargaining agent for 15,000 employees of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company was filed with the National Labor Relations Board here early this month by the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO affiliate.

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In a statement issued from UOPWA's headquarters in New York, Merrill said the petition was filed after the John Hancock Company refused to recognize the white-collar workers' union until it has been formally certified as bargaining representative by the NLRB.

The petition in asking for bargaining rights for workers in the company's 300 agencies throughout the country, states that "approximately 900" of these workers, excluding managers, assistant managers and those who "hire and fire" want the CIO as their sole and exclusive bargaining agent.

What do you suppose could have changed the minds of the top leadership of the SUP? An ordinary person, reading the publicity put out by the SUP officials then and now would be completely in the dark. He would be led to believe something terrible had happened to the CIO.

Well, the only thing that has happened to the CIO is that it has grown rapidly and now surpasses the AFL in total membership. It has organized thousands of seamen and other maritime workers and is helping them build national unity—a thing they have always wanted with all their hearts.

Wants "Golden Throne"

NO—I'm afraid the change must be sought right within

Milk Farmers' Welcome for Scabs



MILK FARMERS in upstate New York receiving "ammunition" of over-ripe tomatoes and rotten eggs with which to greet scab farmers at the Dairymen's League plant at Potsdam. The strike spread to 19 counties and though the price of milk in New York City has gone up an additional cent a quart (third rise in recent months), strikers' demands still have not been met.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

IF YOU'LL look in the initial issue of the "West Coast Sailor" you'll find some things that make very interesting reading. The first issue, mimeographed, came out in May some time.

It was at about the time the sailors were voting on affiliation to the CIO. One paragraph in this issue of the paper declares that the CIO is composed of ALL THE MOST PROGRESSIVE UNIONS IN AMERICA. Another paragraph assures the sailors that the CIO guarantees complete autonomy, complete control of funds and complete everything.

The West Coast Sailor, at that time, was as it is now, the official spokesman for the officials of the SUP. So the references to the CIO surely can be taken to represent the sentiments of Harry Lundeberg and his followers.

Lundeberg Flip-Flop

BUT LISTEN to the utterances of these gentlemen now. According to them, the CIO now is autocratic; it is dictatorial, it is comprised of unions and men who are out to wreck the SUP and the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, they say.

Yet, the CIO at that time was headed by the same men who now are in the leadership. John L. Lewis was an official of the CIO. John Brophy was an official in the CIO. The CIO policy then, as now, was for a National Maritime Federation and complete maritime unity, East and West.

Lundeberg knows, now, that there would be no golden throne for him in the CIO. So he says to the sailors: "Let's keep our independence." Surely he, of all people, must know that there is no such thing as "independence" at this stage of the game. He must know that a vote for "independence" is even a vote for AFL affiliation.

He knows now, as he knew when that first issue of the "West Coast Sailor" was put out, that the CIO does not threaten the autonomy of any maritime union. The CIO doesn't covet the funds of the SUP. The CIO only wants to organize the American seamen and longshoremen into the national maritime union they never were given under the AFL—and never would have been given for that matter.

There is an explanation for this complete reversal of policy by Lundeberg and the rest of the SUP "independents." And the ordinary seaman or longshoreman doesn't have to look far to fathom this explanation. To them it looks suspiciously like a "rule or ruin" policy. And regardless of all propaganda, denials and profanity to the contrary, this view is rapidly becoming the accepted one on the waterfront.

Boycott Japan's Group Asks Ban on Secondary Supplies

SAN FRANCISCO—Requesting that President Roosevelt and the State Department immediately levy an embargo on all war materials and secondary supplies against the Japanese Government for "the bombing of the American gunboat Panay and the reckless shelling of foreign vessels and citizens," the United Committee for Boycott of Japanese Goods launched a campaign to bring about a program of collective security for the peace-loving nations, Great Britain, Soviet Union, France and U. S. A.

Representing numerous AFL, CIO, fraternal and civic organizations, the Boycott Committee dispatched the following telegram to President Roosevelt on December 14:

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CHURCHMAN SCORES FORD LABOR POLICY

Auto King's Disregard of Workers' Rights Assailed by Civil Rights Group

DETROIT—The Rev. John H. Bollens, chairman of the Civil Rights Federation, struck at the flagrant disregard of workers' constitutional rights by Ford Motor Company controlled police following the unwarranted arrest of sixty United Auto Workers' organizers near Ford's Dearborn, Mich. plant.

"Complete disregard of constitutional rights by the officials of the city of Dearborn indicates the extent of control of Dearborn by the Ford Motor Company. In Dearborn the question is not what are the guaranteed rights of American citizens? but, what is the will of the Ford Motor Company?

"We oppose the un-American attitude and action of Mayor Carey of Dearborn in taking it upon himself to tear up the Constitution of the United States and arresting citizens in peaceful pursuit of their business, for the purpose of giving the Ford Motor Company a special advantage in destroying labor's rights to organize," declared Rev. Bollens, who heads 311 religious and progressive organizations, representing 500,000 people affiliated with the Civil Rights Federation.

So intense has indignation become against the fascist-like tactics of Ford that a National Citizens Committee for Protection of Civil Rights in the Automobile Industry has been set up. In existence only a short time, the committee has already drawn into its membership scores of prominent persons. Among them are such names as Sherwood Anderson, Harry Elmer Barnes, Bishop Edgar Blake, Kate Cranegarts, Sherwood Eddy, Kirby Page, Rabbi Stephen Wise, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Dorothy Detzer and Dr. John H. Gray.

Previous to the hearing on its petition for an injunction, the department store secured an order from Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson restraining the union from intimidating and coercing workers, and limiting the number of pickets to one for each door and one for every 15 feet of building frontage.

The action in Judge Kincaid's court follows by little more than a week the recent ruling of Superior Judge Charles S. Burrell who held that a peaceful picket line is legal at any time whether or not a strike is in progress, and whether or not the picketers are striking employees of the picketed firm.

Twenty-seven delegates, representing oil workers, office and professional workers, metal miners and agricultural workers, participated in the sessions. A number of fraternal observers were present throughout the convention.

Greeting From Farmers

M. D. Allen, officially representing the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union, extended a welcome to the delegates and assured them of his organization's sympathies with the CIO efforts.

Brig